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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH'S EAST ASIAN TRIP

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1. IN THE INTERVAL SINCE REFTEL MISSION HAS SEEN AND LEARNED NOTHING WHICH WOULD CHANGE ITS SECURITY ESTIMATE OF SITUATION IN JAKARTA. MOST MAJOR NEWSPAPERS REMAIN CLOSED, AND THOSE WHICH ARE PUBLISHING DISCREETLY AVOID CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE REPORTED TO BE MEETING IN SMALL GROUPS AND PASSING INFORMATION FROM GROUP TO GROUP THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF TAPE RECORDINGS AND "UNDERGROUND" NEWS SHEETS. NO VOICES HAVE BEEN RAISED AMONG STUDENT OR FACULTY, HOWEVER, AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO MOUNT DEMONSTRATIONS OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES.

2. A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN SENIOR GOVERNMENT POSITIONS ARE STILL AWAITED. A COMMANDERS' CALL HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR MARCH 4, 1974, AT WHICH IT IS GENERALLY EXPECTED CHANGES IN SENIOR TROOP COMMANDERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

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ANTICIPATED APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO GENERATE

POLITICAL TURBULENCE, AND WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY ACTION BY SUMITRO OR HIS FOLLOWERS TO REGAIN THE GROUND THEY APPEARED TO HAVE LOST IN PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF JANUARY 28.

3. ON THE STREETS OF JAKARTA AND OTHER MAJOR INDONESIAN CITIES, SECURITY REMAINS GOOD AND SECURITY FORCES APPEAR CAPABLE OF SUPPRESSING OR CONTAINING DEMONSTRATIONS, SHOULD THEY OCCUR.

4. DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT HAS RECEIVED MODERATE ATTENTION IN MEDIA, WITH NO ADVERSE COMMENT. THERE ARE NO KNOWN PLANS TO CREATE INCIDENTS AND WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT TERRORISTS ARE PRESENT IN INDONESIA. NEWSOM

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